

VICTORY

FLASHES

from **MUHLENBERG**

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Dear Mules:

In the midst of all the activity of the Alumni Office, getting out the Loyalty Fund mailing, finding jobs for graduating seniors, trying to round up baby sitters and lawn-cutters, and various and sundry other things, I am a bit pressed for time to write to you, but here goes for another swing around the campus to bring you up to date on the latest happenings at Muhlenberg.

Since my last letter, the baseball team has played three games, dropping two decisions to Swarthmore 5-3 and Lafayette 8-1, and taking the Gettysburg Bullets into camp 3-2. Hoss Lough's boys were washed out in their scheduled game with Lehigh which will be played May 12th. Saturday of this week they meet Moravian.

It looks as though Dr. John V. Shankweiler will have another top notch tennis season, for his racket-busters have downed Gettysburg 9-0 and Albright 7-2. Doc says, though, that the stiff competition is still to come.

Ernie Fellows' track squad has participated in one meet so far this season, a triangular seto with Lehigh and Gettysburg. The final score showed the Engineers out in front with 80 $\frac{3}{4}$ points, Muhlenberg 41 $\frac{1}{4}$ and Gettysburg 32.

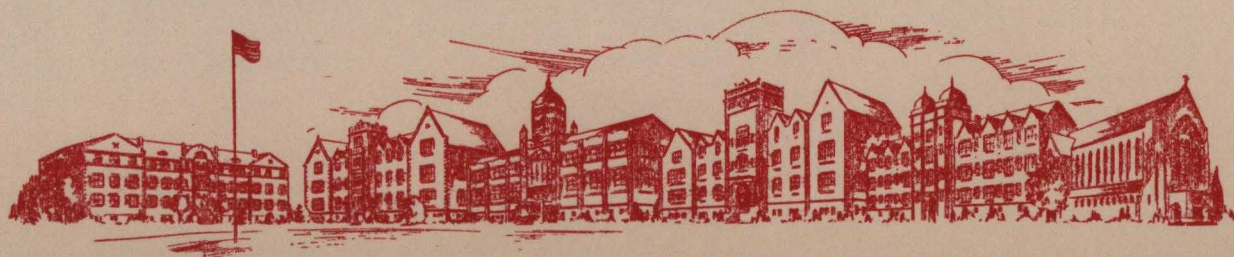
Activities on the campus have been many and varied. The Art Department sponsored an exhibition of paintings of Abraham Walkowitz. It was unique in that there were 48 paintings of Mr. Walkowitz by 48 different artists and no two were alike in any respect. Mr. Rickey, head of the department, did a portrait of the famed artist before an interested group of art students and his portrait will be added to the collection.

Muhlenberg now requires all entering students to take the College Board Entrance Examinations as a prerequisite for admission to college. The College has been designated as one of the centers throughout the nation where these examinations can be taken and last Saturday 213 students from various high schools in Pennsylvania came here to take the tests.

One of the greatest contemporary organists in America, E. Power Biggs, presented a recital on the great Skinner organ in the Gideon F. Egner Memorial Chapel on the campus last night. Mr. Biggs was brought to Allentown by the College as part of the current lyceum series and his program was thoroughly enjoyed by students and townspeople.

Another event which revolved around music was the annual Jeannie Kramer Krause oratorical contest. Established by the will of the late George Derr Krause of the Class of 1879 in memory of his wife, the contest is based on orations with music as the theme. Competing for the three cash prizes, Richard Bieber of Reading won first place, with Luke Batdorf, second and Ralph Boyer third.

The problem of filling the feminine roles for the Mask and Dagger's forthcoming production of "Hamlet" was solved very neatly by the wives of the veterans who are attending Muhlenberg. Several of these ladies have had experience in dramatic productions at the colleges they attended and some have played in other Mask and Dagger productions. Director Andrew Erskine of the English Department promises a very interesting evening with John E.T. Rogers as the star of the show. Last Sunday afternoon I went for a ride through Trexler Park and who should I see but John reciting Hamlet to the swans, who really did not seem too appreciative of his efforts.



The faculty and their ladies met at the Lehigh Country Club this past week for their spring party. Mrs. Richmond Myers, wife of "Rocky" of the Geology department, provided some very excellent piano music following a fine dinner. Other Russian music was given the assembled guests by Miss Catherine Senofsky, supervisor of music of the Catasauqua School System.

The local chapter of Phi Epsilon Pi has been granted a charter by the Lehigh County Courts. This active group is taking an interest in campus life and plans to purchase a home in the near future. Sigma Phi Epsilon also has a campaign underway for the purchase of a house for their group.

Two very welcome letters last week brought the news that ENSIGN R.W. SNOW V'44 is about to be promoted to the title of "Mister" and plans to return to the University of Pennsylvania where he will resume his studies in Mechanical Engineering. Rus Still feels that Muhlenberg is the best liberal arts school in the nation.

Another letter from ENSIGN BOB BENNETT V'44 tells of his work in the Naval Air Corps. Bob reports that he received his wings and commission on the tenth of January about a month before HOWARD DAVENPORT V'44 received his. When he arrived in Jacksonville, he met ENSIGN HARRY GOWER V'44, who told him that AVIATION CADET ALBERT "STU" WILSON V'45 was due to receive his wings at Pensacola in June. Bob is in training in Observation Scout planes and expects to be assigned to a cruiser when he is finished. He is looking forward to the reunions in May. We'll look for you too, Bob.

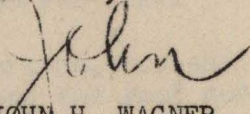
Dean of Students, Perry F. Kendig has taken himself a wife and is now at present on his honeymoon. He married Miss Virginia Gantt of Bethlehem, Pa.

Doggie Julian, whom some of you know from his coaching days at Muhlenberg, was named the "coach of the year" by the Boston Basketball Writers Association and presented with an embossed certificate to that effect. Doggie has had a great season at Holy Cross and has made quite a name for himself.

George Bibighaus was presented the American Legion state trophy as the outstanding player in the secondary colleges of Pennsylvania. The trophy was given George by George Ballis, state director for athletics for the Legion.

That about sums up the situation for this time. I'll be back in another two weeks, so until then, so long.

As ever,


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